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1. CAPTAIN A.L. MORRIS, DIRECTOR FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS,
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WILL REPRESENT BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT AT
SUBJECT CONFERENCE.
2. CONCERNING GCOB POSITION ON US PROPOSALS AND TWO
PACKAGES OF ALTERNATE PROPOSALS (REF (A) PARA 3), CAPTAIN
MORRIS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT ALTHOUGH GCOB STRONGLY SUPPORTS
INTERNATIONAL MEASURES TO KEEP OCEAN FREE FROM POLLUTION,
THE COST FACTOR INVOLVED IN THE US PROPOSALS MAY PRESENT SOME
PROBLEMS FOR THE BAHAMAS AS WELL AS OTHER NATIONS.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE BAHAMAS' CONCERNS, FIRST, THERE ARE
TWO FOREIGN OWNED (REF B) TANKERS REGISTERED IN THE BAHAMAS.
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UNDER THE US PROPOSALS CAPTAIN MORRIS SAYS THE OWNERS WILL
HAVE TO GO TO CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE TO BRING THESE VESSELS
UP TO THE U.S.-PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. POSSIBLY,
HE SAID, THE SAME HIGH INTERNATIONAL OBJECTIVES CAN BE ACHIEVED
BY THE MSC/MEPC PROPOSALS OR OTHERS, AT A MUCH LOWER COST.
SECOND, A NUMBER OF SUPERTANKERS ANNUALLY COME TO THE BAHAMAS -
TO THE BAHAMAS OIL REFINING COMPANY (BORCO) FACILITY AT FREE-

PORT, GRAND BAHAMA AND THE (BURMAH OIL) SOUTH RIDING POINT, GRAND BAHAMA TRANSSHIPMENT TERMINAL, ALSO ON GRAND BAHAMA. (THE LATTER FACILITY IS 51 PERCENT OWNED BY THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT. BORCO IS OWNED BY NEW ENGLAND PETROLEUM COMPANY (NEPCO) - 65 PERCENT AND STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA (SOCAL) 35 PERCENT). THE HIGH COST AND TIME FOR THE SUPERTANKER OWNERS TO IMPLEMENT THE U.S. PROPOSALS COULD RESULT, ACCORDING TO CAPTAIN MORRIS, IN POSSIBLE SERIOUS DISLOCATION OF PETROLEUM SHIPMENTS BOTH TO AND FROM THE BAHAMAS.

4. WHILE THE GCOB INTENDS TO LOOK AFTER ITS OWN INTERESTS AT SUBJECT MEETING MORRIS SAID HE WILL BE VERY ATTENTIVE TO THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE U.S. DELEGATION. MORRIS SAID HE EXPECTS DISCUSSIONS TO BE LIVELY WITH PROBABLE ADOPTION OF A WATERED-DOWN VERSION OR COMPROMISE OF THE U.S. PROPOSALS. SCHWARTZ

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